

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Organization of the City Government for 1864.

Inauguration of Mr. Gunther as Mayor.

His Inaugural Message to the Common Council.

Meeting of the Boards of Aldermen, Councilmen and Supervisors.

Letter of the Mayor on the Death of Archbishop Hughes.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

Inauguration of Charles Godfrey Gunther as Mayor of the City of New York.

At precisely twelve o'clock yesterday Charles Godfrey Gunther was duly inaugurated Mayor of the City of New York. So large a gathering on a similar occasion in and about the City Hall was never seen before. Among the number were politicians of all parties, but more especially the friends of the retiring Mayor and the Mayor elect.

Mayor O'Byrne, up to eleven o'clock, was busily engaged in signing documents and closing up the business of the office. At twelve o'clock he retired to his private apartments. At eleven o'clock Mr. Gunther walked into the office, unaccompanied, and was immediately seized by the hands of his numerous friends who were waiting his arrival. With his usual apparent indifference he took off his overcoat, and throwing it upon one of the desks, called the Assistant Marshal, Mr. Hinchman, to whom he gave some private instructions. Mayor O'Byrne, hearing of his arrival, immediately gave him a hearty welcome, and with relatives and friends he proceeded to the City Hall.

At twelve o'clock the usual formality was proceeded with and Mr. Gunther duly inaugurated Mayor. Upon the official position of the Mayor, Mr. Gunther was surrounded by his friends, Rufus C. Andrews, Surveyor of the Port, acting as chairman. They escorted him out of the City Hall, and into the room of the Mayor of the City of New York, where he was seated. The Mayor of the City of New York, Mr. Gunther, was followed by a like compliment to the new Mayor.

Mr. Gunther immediately entered upon the duties of his office, making the following appointments in his private Secretary—J. B. Auld, in place of William H. Armstrong, resigned.

Chief Clerk—J. H. H. Smith.
Deputy Chief Clerk—J. H. H. Smith.
Recorder of the City—J. H. H. Smith.
Recorder of the County—J. H. H. Smith.

Mr. Auld is an excellent appointment, having held the position during the administration of Mayor Wood. Mr. Smith, first mentioned, was for several years City Recorder, and is well known to the public. Mr. Hinchman, Assistant Marshal, has been retained, having held the position for the past twenty-two years. Mr. Auld is an excellent appointment, having held the position during the administration of Mayor Wood.

Board of Aldermen.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR 1864—APPOINTMENT OF ALDERMEN JOHN T. HENRY AS PRESIDENT—HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS—MR. DAVID T. VALENTINE REAPPOINTED CLERK—THE INAUGURAL MESSAGE OF MAYOR GUNTHER—HIS MESSAGE TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At noon yesterday the Board of Aldermen for 1864 was organized. Mr. Henry was called to the chair pro tempore. Mr. Henry moved that John T. Henry be elected President of the Board for the ensuing year by acclamation. Carried.

Aldermen McKee and McKnight were appointed to conduct the President to the chair, whereupon President Henry delivered his inaugural address, which will be found elsewhere.

Alderman Long moved that David T. Valentine, Esq., be appointed Clerk of this Board by acclamation. Carried.

Alderman McKnight moved that Terence J. Smith be appointed Sergeant at Arms of this Board by acclamation. Carried.

Mr. Smith was appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms. The Deputy Clerk and assistants are appointed by Mr. Valentine, and as they are all competent, and have been years in office, it is not likely that any changes will be made.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.
MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, JAN. 4, 1864.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

GENTLEMEN—In entering on the discharge of my duties as Mayor I am obliged to acknowledge the establishment of the City of New York, and to thank you and through you the people for the honor of this appointment.

In doing so I must explain the embarrassments which surround me in the performance of these duties, and at the same time exhibit in as few words as possible an outline of the functions and objects of the various departments of the City Government, and the manner in which they are conducted.

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